

HOUSE RESOLUTION 32

By Johnson R

A RESOLUTION concerning land designated for public use
owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of this General Assembly to encourage the responsible ownership by the Tennessee Valley Authority of those lands designated for public use within this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has established during the course of its history a precedent in which it designates many acres in and around its projects within this State as public land, allowing any and all the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, TVA's public lands also provide significant natural resource benefits to Tennessee's fish and wildlife and thereby benefit the citizens of this State and nation who enjoy and value those resources; and

WHEREAS, recent movements by TVA to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer parcels of land designated for public use to developers for the purposes of private development are troubling to the members of this body, and represent a marked change from its former approach; and

WHEREAS, the development by private parties of these lands will affect many aspects of life in and around TVA's lakes, including increasing traffic on and around the lakes, destroying wildlife habitats, abolishing green space, and limiting hunting and fishing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the sale, trade, or transfer of TVA lands designated for public use not only represents a change from its traditional code of conduct, but also establishes a disturbing precedent by which all land held by TVA and designated for public use may be sold for the

purpose of private development, resulting in the loss of use by the public of many acres of Tennessee's most impressive land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this General Assembly hereby urges the Tennessee Valley Authority and its agents and agencies to refrain from the sale, trade, or otherwise transfer of lands it currently owns and has designated for public use to private developers or to any who might use such land for private development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be delivered to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors and to each member of the Tennessee congressional delegation with this final clause omitted from such copy.